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FM USLO PEKING

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1718

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT CH

SUBJECT: OBSERVATIONS ALONG CANTON-PEKING RAIL LINE

1. USLO OFFICER RETURNING FROM HONG KONG TO PEKING  
APRIL 29-30 NOTED THAT NEARLY ALL BIG CHARACTER POSTERS  
AT RAILWAY STATIONS ALONG THE LINE HAD BEEN REMOVED.  
AT BOTH WUCHANG AND HANKOW STOPS IN WUHAN, FOR EXAMPLE,  
STATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED CLEAN EXCEPT FOR  
SCATTERED POSTERS ON SMALL BUILDINGS OBSERVABLE AS THE  
TRAIN PULLED OUT OF THE STATION. AFP CORRESPONDENT HERE  
TELLS US THAT WUHAN STATIONS WAS COVERED WITH POSTERS  
WHEN HE PASSED THROUGH APRIL 9 BUT CLEAN WHEN ANOTHER  
TRAVELLER TRANSITED THREE DAYS LATER.

2. ONE RAILWAY CAR IN CHANGSHA HAD POSTERS PASTED ON ITS  
SIDE ANNOUNCING THE RAILWAY WORKERS SUPPORT FOR THE  
ANTI-LIN PIAO-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN AND PLEDGING TO  
STRUGGLE AGAINST "UNJUST SYSTEMS". IN WUHAN  
STATIONS ONE CAR WAS PAINTED WITH "STRIKE DOWN LI TE-SHENG".  
PAINT HAD BEEN SCRUBBED OFF BUT WAS STILL READABLE.

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3. RICE PLANTING WAS IN FULL SWING THROUGHOUT HUNAN

AND HUPEI, AND THE PADDIES APPEARED TO HAVE AMPLE  
WATER. NEAR PEKING THE LACK OF RAINFALL WAS  
NOTICEABLE, ALTHOUGH IRRIGATION DITCHES FROM WELLS  
SEEMED TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR SPRING CROPS.  
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